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Examiner: Suzette Jackson

For: BIFURCATED PROSTHETIC GRAFT

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the following:

1. Request for Filing Divisional Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) (3 pages);
2. Copy of parent application including 23 pages of specification, 10 pages of claims (24 claims), 1 page of abstract, and 10 pages of drawings (FIGS. 1-21);
3. Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney (3 pages) (filed in parent application);
4. Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status (2 pages);
5. Preliminary Amendment (4 pages) with Attachment (2 pages);
6. Information Disclosure Statement (3 pages);
7. Form PTO-1449 (2 pages); and

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In re Application of: Thomas V. Ressemann et al.

Docket No.: TER1002USD1

Anticipated Classification of this  
application:

Class \_\_\_\_\_ Subclass \_\_\_\_\_

Prior Application: 09/039,779

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is a request for the filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of a ☐ continuation,  
☒ divisional, ☐ continuation-in-part of pending prior Application No. 09/039,779, filed  
March 16, 1998, entitled BIFURCATED PROSTHETIC GRAFT and naming as  
inventors Thomas V. Ressemann having an address of 1730 Boxwood Circle, St. Cloud,  
Minnesota 56303, and Timothy B. Petrick having an address of 9006 Trinity Gardens  
North, Brooklyn Park, Minnesota 55443.

1. ☒ Enclosed are 23 pages of specification, 10 pages of claims (24  
claims), 1 page of abstract, and 10 pages of drawings.
2. ☒ Enclosed is a copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney  
(3 pages).

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3. ☒ Incorporation by Reference. The entire disclosure of the prior Application No. 09/039,779, filed March 16, 1998, is considered to be part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference.
- 4a. ☒ The filing fee is calculated below.
- 4b. ☒ Cancel in this application original claims 5 to 7 and 11 to 21 of the prior application before calculating the filing fee.

CLAIMS FOR FEE CALCULATION				
Number Filed	Number Extra		Rate	Basic Fee \$355.00
Total Claims	-20		X \$9.00	\$ .00
Independent Claims	-3	3	X \$40.00	\$ .00
Multiple Dependent Claims	0	0	X \$135.00	0
Total				\$355.00

5. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 16-2312. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed for that purpose.
6. ☒ A check in the amount of \$355.00 is enclosed to cover the required filing fees.
7. ☒ Amend the specification by adding the following sentence before the first paragraph: --This is a divisional of Application No. 09/039,779, filed March 16, 1998, the contents of which are hereby incorporated herein by reference.--
8. ☒ 10 sheets of formal drawings are enclosed.

9. ☒ The Assignment records in the Patent and Trademark Office indicate that the prior application is assigned to TERAMed, Inc.
- 9a. ☒ A Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status is enclosed (2 pages).
10. ☒ The Power of Attorney in the prior application is to: Thomas E. Popovich, Terry L. Wiles, Patrick J. O'Connell, Miriam G. Simmons and others.
- a. ☐ The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.
- b. ☒ A copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
- c. ☒ Address all future communications to:  
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11. ☒ A Preliminary Amendment (4 pages) with Attachment (2 pages) is enclosed.
12. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement (3 pages), and two copies of Form PTO-1449 (2 pages) are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted, ,

Dated: 2/7/01

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